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Comment response

December 12, 1995

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Dear Mr. Gomez:

Thank you for your letter of August 30, 1995 regarding the draft CALFED Bay-Delta Program Water Supply Problem Summary. Now that we have refined our problem statements and objectives through an open and public process, I wanted to review the current drafts for you. I believe the current language responds to your concerns.

Your letter pointed out that initial drafts of the problem statement for water supply reliability focused only on insufficiency of supply. The primary objective for water supply reliability as it is currently drafted states that the Program will:

- Reduce the mismatch between Bay-Delta water supplies and current and projected beneficial uses dependent on the Bay-Delta System.

This objective reflects the primary problem identified for water supply reliability, which states:

There is a mismatch between Bay-Delta water supplies and current and projected beneficial uses dependent on the system.

Your letter also observed that our solution must be based on an ethic that balances human and ecological needs. I believe that this ethic is reflected in the fundamental charge of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program as set forth in the Framework Agreement between the Governor's Water Policy Council and the Federal Ecosystem Directorate. This agreement directs that alternative solutions will reflect public values including water quality, guarantees for protection of the Bay-Delta Estuary and its fish and wildlife resources, effective planning and operation of water export systems, and maintenance of Delta levees

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and channels. These values are also reflected in the Program's mission statement, which states:

The mission of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is to develop a long-term comprehensive plan that will restore ecological health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta System.

A copy of our mission and objectives summary is enclosed.

I understand that representatives of the Pacific Institute will make a presentation to CALFED Bay-Delta Program staff on January 8, 1996. I look forward to this presentation and hope that I have the opportunity to meet you at that time. If you have any questions regarding the Program's mission and objectives, please feel free to give me a call at (916) 657-2666.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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